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SUBJECT: AUTHORITY OF THE AMBASSADOR

REFERENCES: (A) STATE 175981; (B) WYROUGH-TAYLOR TELCON
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1. BY REFTEL A DEPARTMENT PROVIDED DRAFT TEXT OF PROPOSED
STATE-DEFENSE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON ROLES OF AM-
BASSADOR AND COMMISSION ADMINISTRATOR IN NEW TREATY CONTEXT.

2. HIGHLY INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH DOD REPRESENTATIVE
HAVE BEGUN PREPARATORY TO INITIATING FORMAL PROCESS OF
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FOR EMBASSY COMMENT FOLLOWS.

3. BEGIN QUOTE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING THE
COORDINATED DISCHARGE OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE UNITED
STATES CHIEF OF MISSION IN THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA AND THE
ADMINISTRATOR OF THE PANAMA CANAL COMMISSION

4. QUOTE THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY WILL SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGE THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE PURPOSES OF U.S. GOVERNMENT ACTIVITY IN THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA. IN PARTICULAR, A MAJOR NEW RESPONSIBILITY OF THE U.S. WILL BE TO ASSIST PANAMA TO PREPARE FOR ITS STEWARDSHIP OF THE PANAMA CANAL. EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TREATY WILL REQUIRE CONSULTATION AMONG U.S. AGENCIES OPERATING IN PANAMA AND FULL COORDINATION OF THE POLICIES AND ACTIVITIES OF THESE AGENCIES.

5. QUOTE THE PANAMA REVIEW COMMITTEE (PRC), ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO NSDM NO. 296 AND NSDM 22 WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE AS THE FORUM FOR SUCH CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION. UPON ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE TREATY, THE PRC WILL BE COMPOSED OF THE AMBASSADOR TO PANAMA, CINCSO, AND THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE PANAMA CANAL COMMISSION. THE PRC SHALL BE CHAIRED BY THE AMBASSADOR, AND WILL MEET PERIODICALLY AT THE CALL OF ANY MEMBER.

6. QUOTE THE PRC SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EXCHANGE OF REPORTS AND INFORMATION, AND FOR THE COORDINATION OF ACTIONS AND ACTION PROPOSALS RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY, AS THEY BEAR UPON U.S./PANAMANIAN RELATIONS. THE PRESIDENT EXPECTS THAT THE MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE WILL SHARE THEIR CONCERNS FULLY AND FRANKLY AND WORK TOGETHER IN DISCHARGING THEIR RELIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES. THE MEMBERS WILL PROMPTLY ENDEAVOR TO RESOLVE ANY DIFFERENCES WHICH MAY ARISE BETWEEN THEM, AND, IF NECESSARY, REFER SUCH MATTERS THROUGH APPROPRIATE CHANNELS TO WASHINGTON.

7. QUOTE IN ORDER TO FURTHER INSURE THAT U.S. ACTIVITIES IN THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY ARE EFFECTIVELY COORDINATED, THE PRESIDENT HAS APPROVED THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTION WHICH REAFFIRMS THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA AND THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE PANAMA CANAL COMMISSION, AND PROVIDES GUIDANCE FOR THEM IN THE DISCHARGE OF THEIR RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES. ALL RANKING U.S. OFFICIALS IN PANAMA SHALL, PURSUANT TO THIS GUIDANCE, ENSURE THAT THE ACTIVITIES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS ARE CONDUCTED IN CONFORMITY WITH UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY INTERESTS, THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES, AND THE BASIC RESPONSIBILITY OF THIS GOVERNMENT.

8. QUOTE THE STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE AMBASSADOR AND THE ADMINISTRATOR ARE SET FORTH IN P.L. 93-475, DATED

OCTOBER 26, 1974, (22 U.S.C. 2680A) AND SECTIONS 102 AND 207 OF THE LEGISLATION IMPLEMENTING THE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES.

9. QUOTE PURSUANT TO PRESIDENTIAL GUIDANCE (INSERT REF. TO OMB STUDY) THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE PANAMA CANAL COMMISSION HAS EXECUTIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MANAGEMENT, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE PANAMA CANAL, UNDER POLICY GUIDANCE RECEIVED FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PANAMA CANAL COMMISSION, THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY, AND THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

10. QUOTE THE CHIEF OF MISSION IN THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA HAS RESPONSIBILITY TO ASSESS THE EFFECT OF ALL PANAMA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CANAL COMMISSION PLANS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE LIGHT OF U.S. OBJECTIVES IN THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATE OBSERVATIONS THEREON, IN PANAMA AND IN WASHINGTON. OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE, HE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROMOTING UNDERSTANDING AND ACCEPTANCE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA OF U.S. POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES WITH RESPECT TO THE PANAMA CANAL. HIS MAIN CONCERN WILL BE WITH THE OVERALL EFFECT OF PANAMA CANAL COMMISSION ACTIVITIES ON U.S. RELATIONS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA, AND NOT WITH OPERATIONAL DETAILS OF THE PANAMA CANAL. ACCORDINGLY, THE CHIEF OF MISSION SHALL HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO DIRECT THE ADMINISTRATOR TO INITIATE POLICIES OR ACTIVITIES REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT, OPERATION, OR MAINTENANCE OF THE CANAL. TO ENABLE HIM TO DISCHARGE THIS RESPONSIBILITY, THE ADMINISTRATOR WILL KEEP THE CHIEF OF MISSION FULLY AND CURRENTLY INFORMED OF ALL COMMISSION PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA.

11. QUOTE IN PARTICULAR, THE ADMINISTRATOR WILL INFORM THE CHIEF OF MISSION WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE INITIATION OF ANY MAJOR ACTIVITIES, OPERATIONS, OR CHANGES IN POLICY OF THE COMMISSION, ITS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES AND PROVIDE THE AMBASSADOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON SUCH MATTERS IN PANAMA, AND, IF REQUIRED, IN WASHINGTON, PRIOR TO THEIR INITIATION. THE AMBASSADOR SHALL SIMILARLY INFORM THE ADMINISTRATOR OF ALL ACTIVITIES AND POLICIES OF THE U.S. EMBASSY WHICH MAY AFFECT THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF THE CANAL. THE ADMINISTRATOR WILL NOTIFY THE CHIEF OF MISSION OF THE INITIATION OF SIGNIFICANT OFFICIAL CONTACTS BETWEEN CANAL COMMISSION PERSONNEL AND OFFICIALS OF THE PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT (OTHER THAN THOSE ROUTINELY INVOLVED IN THE COMMISSION'S ACTIVITIES) AND KEEP THE CHIEF OF MISSION

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INFORMED OF THE RESULTS OF SUCH CONTACTS. END QUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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